

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SREF, KS, VN, SN  
SUBJ: VIETNAMESE BOAT CASE REFUGEES SEEKING ENTRY INTO  
SINGAPORE

REF: SEOUL 6503 (NOTAL)

1. LOCAL UNHCR REP. CONFIRMED INFORMATION IN REFTEL THAT A KOREAN VESSEL (NAME GIVEN AS SS DONG YUN) HAD ATTEMPTED TO LAND A GROUP OF 20 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN SINGAPORE. CONSISTENT WITH ITS CURRENT POLICY, GOS REQUIRED GUARANTEE THAT ALL 20 PERSONS WOULD BE RESETTLED IN THIRD COUNTRIES IN RETURN FOR PERMISSION FOR REFUGEES TO STAY TEMPORARILY IN SINGAPORE. KOREAN EMBASSY WAS ASKED FOR BUT DECLINED TO GIVE SUCH AN ASSURANCE. SHIP'S LOCAL AGENT REPORTS THAT DONG YUN THEN LEFT SINGAPORE ON AUGUST 3 WITH THE REFUGEES STILL ABOARD AND WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE PUSAN ON AUGUST 14.

2. TWO OTHER VESSELS ARE NOW IN SINGAPORE HARBOR AND ARE  
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ALSO HOPING TO DISCHARGE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES RESCUED IN SOUTH CHINA SEA. ONE IS AN ALGERIAN REGISTERED SHIP, HAOUDI EL-HAMRA (ARRIVED JULY 19 WITH 23 REFUGEES ABOARD), AND THE OTHER IS THE SINGAPORE-FLAG VESSEL, GOLDEN GATE SUN, (ARRIVED JULY 21 WITH 50 REFUGEES ABOARD). GOS AGAIN HAS REFUSED PERMISSION FOR REFUGEES TO LAND WITHOUT RESETTLEMENT GUARANTEE. UNHCR REP. HAS INTERVIEWED BOTH GROUPS OF REFUGEES AND WILL

BE PRESENTING EMBASSY WITH BIODATA FOR SCREENING.

3. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE ON ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS RELATING  
TO THESE BOAT CASES. INGRAHAM

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